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MEMORANDUM FOR: Harry Rowen
THROUGH : Fred Hutchinson
FROM : Dave Gries
SUBJECT : Projective Papers on East Asia

1. What follows is an update on projective papers covering East Asia.

2. You have already approved three papers: Prospects for Sino-Soviet Rapprochement [redacted]; Consequences of Permanent Vietnamese Occupation of Kampuchea [redacted]; and Reunification of Taiwan and China [redacted].
The first of these has been published and distributed. The second is written and waiting for final approval. [redacted]
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3. There are three more projective papers not yet vetted by you and Fred. These are Korean reunification; the decline of China's Communist party; and consequences of a massive increase in Japanese defense spending. One drafter is lined up, and one has been picked but not approached. When I have a little more information on these last three projective papers, I'll go over them with you in greater detail.

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An Agenda of Projective, Potentially Important
(Even If Unlikely) Contingencies

The following list of topics addresses developments most of which are unlikely to occur but are arguably of sufficient importance that even a relatively low probability of their happening warrants attention by the intelligence community.

Many of these items concern events or trends that may develop independently of specific US actions; a few deal with the possible consequences of a change in US policies. Because of their improbability few of these topics lend themselves to interagency estimates, at least in the near-term and, for some, perhaps never. Moreover, some of these topics are quite sensitive and any papers done on them would have to be tightly controlled.

Work on any given topic might be done initially in one of several ways:

- As an analytic project within the community.
- As a paper prepared by a consultant or contractor or even prepared entirely independently by an outside expert.
- As an interagency estimate.

Because of the possible inavailability of talent to work on some topics right away, some of these topics might have to be put on "hold" for a while.

Each of the NIOs should review the topics in his area and indicate the action proposed or status for each item. This record will be periodically updated.

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